

Third Member of Council.—The population of the place is only 5,000 and there does not seem to be any necessity for an Assistant Surgeon just at present. The town has to develop further and the place is not unhealthy. There is moreover difficulty in getting suitable medical officers and it is not possible to sanction an Assistant Surgeon for such a small town.

SUBJECT No. 236.

Posting an Assistant Surgeon to Tiptur.

Messrs. D. S. Mallappa and G. K. Gurappa, Tiptur Taluk.

Mr. D. S. Mallappa.—While discussing the case of an Assistant Surgeon for Maddagiri, it was said that the place was not unhealthy and that there was no necessity for an Assistant Surgeon. But Tiptur town is very unhealthy and it is very necessary that the Dispensary should be in charge of an Assistant Surgeon.

Third Member of Council.—Tiptur is a Railway town and is very conveniently situated with reference to Tumkur where there is a District Medical Officer and a suitable medical staff. Gubbi is only a few hours journey from Tumkur. It is just possible in a few years more, we can get Sub-Assistant Surgeons with L. M. S. qualifications. But nothing can be done now.

SUBJECT No. 237.

Improving the feeder channel of Karadi tank.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa, Tiptur Municipality.

Mr. Singri Nanjappa.—Some years ago, a sum of Rs 2,500 was sanctioned for repairing the feeder channel of the Karadi tank. The work was not taken up and now more than three times that amount would be necessary as the rates have gone up considerably. The work may be taken up without further delay.

Dewan.—The estimate has been sanctioned but there is some correspondence about rates. The matter will be expedited.

SUBJECT No. 238.

Putting up an Anicut across the halla near Singadahalli.

Mr. Thimmannaiya, Tumkur District Board.

A large quantity of water now goes to waste through a huge *halla* near Singadahalli. A new tank may be constructed to collect all this water and utilize it for cultivation. This new tank may irrigate about one thousand acres. This is a very profitable work and should be undertaken.

Second Member of Council.—The Deputy Commissioner may write to the Chief Engineer in regard to this matter and get it settled early.

SUBJECT No. 239.

Levy of acreage cess for silt clearing in Mavattur channel.

Mr. G. B. Madhvachar, Koratagere Sub-Taluk.

Mr. Madhvachar.—A lot of silt is collected in the Mavattur channels and as the Zamindars are generally not in the locality, no attempt is made to remove the silt. The local ryots are unable to take any action in the matter with the result that the cultivation is impeded for want of water in the tank. Sometimes, there will be no timely rains and cultivation must be undertaken in unusual times depending more or less on the